

City of Duenweg Receives Water and Waste Program \$561,000 Loan and \$175,000 Grant

Congressman Roy Blunt presented a mock check in the amount of \$736,000 to the City of Duenweg as part of a ground breaking ceremony held on October 29, 2004. The check represents Water and Waste Program funds to install interceptor lines and a lift station to connect to the City of Joplin's "Crossroads" interceptor with treatment provided by Joplin's Turkey Creek plant. Duenweg annexed approximately 680 acres located to the northwest and is obligated to provide this area with access to sewer facilities. The improvements to the sewer infrastructure will aid in the orderly growth and provision of basic utility service to the area.

Simmons Engineering Company of Republic is the Project Engineer and provided the final design and specifications. Calvin Brill Construction, Inc., of Joplin is the General Contractor. Anticipated project completion is six (6) months.

Mayor Russell Olds stated, "This sewer project for the City of Duenweg is major progress for the City that marks the end of the first step in what is surely a long journey of growth and economic development. The immediate benefits are self evident, we are satisfying the sewer requirements of those people that are in the most need, within our ability to help. We are also creating an area of approximately 600 Acres inside that are primed for residential and commercial stimulation that will help to alleviate and supplement long term economic concerns for our residents' public utility needs".

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Roy Blunt have been, and continue to be, strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians by making available federal funds for these kinds of rural projects. Rural Development is pleased to be able to finance this project. Having an environmentally safe wastewater system mirrors one of President Bush's initiatives and exemplifies the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities".

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Front: Steve Byrd, Alderman; Roy Blunt, U.S. Congressman; Russell Olds, Mayor; Charles Cossey, Alderman.
Back: Everett Goade, Alderman; Jerry Finley, Rural Development Manager; Calvin Brill, Project Contractor; Andy Simmons, Project Engineer; Bruce Hively, Rural Development Specialist; and Jim Hembree, Community Development Manager

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